

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red BG 8						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
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1 An act to require the option to vote four (4) weeks prior to Election Day

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: This bill permits any registered voter to request an absentee ballot, without limitation (so-called "no excuse" absentee voting) up to four (4) weeks before the Election Day.

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8 Section 2: Kentucky restricts absentee early voting only to those who can demonstrate narrow categories of "excuse" or cause for not voting on Election Day, such as being entirely absent from the city or county or in cases of medical emergencies. These restrictions do not take into account the work schedules and family responsibilities of many citizens. If our bill is put into effect, voters will have the option to vote early for any purpose.

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10 Section 3: Work, family, and other life obligations tend to get in the way of civic duties like voting. In nine states (9) more than thirty (30) percent of voters used early voting. This shows that implementing this bill into our voting system will bring in much more voters due to the extended time period. Because of the additional voting opportunities, lines will not be as long on Election Day. This will help the voting run smoothly and efficiently, while again causing more citizens to get involved.

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12 Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

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14 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2017 with the signature of the governor.